

STIRS UP GAS COMPANY

Wanted to Be Notified About Removal of Poles.

When Mayor Hughes issued an order a few days ago, instructing Street Commissioner Snyder to remove all the iron street lamp posts in town and sell them for old iron, he put his foot into an unexpected trap which may make trouble for him and for the city.

The pole are gas light poles, and when the street commissioner removed them, it was found that they were not "dead," that is, the gas pipes were still connected with the gas mains.

This morning H. S. Morgan, the manager of the Excelsior Coke and Gas company, which is now engaged in the dollar gas litigation with the city, called upon the city engineer and street commissioner and made a very emphatic kick.

"Why didn't you notify me that you wanted to take down those poles?" said Mr. Morgan to Street Commissioner Snyder.

"I did notify your employees at the gas works, and they told me to go ahead and take down the poles, and if I found any live ones to plug them with a wooden plug. I did so," answered Mr. Snyder.

"Well, you should have notified me," retorted Mr. Morgan. "What good do you suppose it does to tell me to go ahead and take down the poles, and if I find any live ones to plug them with a wooden plug. I did so," answered Mr. Snyder.

"Well, you have pulled up a lot of live poles, and the gas has no right to do that," Mr. Snyder insisted that he had pulled up all the live poles which he had found, but Mr. Harrison would not be satisfied until Mr. Snyder gave him a complete list of all the poles which it is proposed to remove. Mr. Harrison agreed to see to it that the gas is cut off from the poles.

Mr. Snyder said this morning in speaking of the situation: "I removed the poles because the mayor told me to do so. I think that I gave the gas company sufficient notice of my intention. At any rate, they had a general notice some time ago to remove their dead poles and failed to do so. I do not believe that any gas has been wasted, because we put in wooden plugs whenever we found gas escaping from the end of the poles."

Some think that the gas company may try to make trouble for the city on account of the removal of the gas poles. Suit may be commenced to recover damages for the gas wasted and the pipes injured.

LAMB NOT IN IT.

Has No Intention of Going After Mr. Miller's Scalp.

Senator G. H. Lamb, of Yates Center, who is in active politics at the present time, has been asked to support the term of the supreme court, denies that he has any intention on Congressman Miller's job in the Fourth district. It has been reported that Senator Lamb would join in a movement to down Miller by becoming a candidate for congress along with Bent Murdock and others. "There is nothing in the talk of my candidacy," said Senator Lamb today. "I will not be a candidate."

Cormany Again Bobs Up.

Col. W. A. Cormany, of Fort Scott, who got into the race for lieutenant governor four years ago, will try to get again in the coming campaign, and his candidacy has been formally announced by the Fort Scott Monitor. His claims on the place are that he served through the war, enjoying the hospitality of Lincoln by prison part of the time; that he has been a resident of Kansas for 35 years; that he has been voting the Republican ticket regularly and constantly since he first voted for Lincoln, and that he has never held an office except grand master of the Odd Fellows.

Cement Works Burn.

Wellston, O., Nov. 6.—The Alma Portland cement works at South Wellston, one of the largest of its kind in the United States burned last night. Loss will exceed \$50,000.

Out in Sugar.

New York, Nov. 6.—The American Sugar Refining company has reduced refined sugar 10 points to meet the reduction made last week by Arbuckle Bros.

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726 CENTURY BUILDING, SAINT LOUIS.

HE FOUND POISON

James Douthitt Says His Wife Put It in Well.

Also Claims She Drugged Wine For Him.

SUING FOR DIVORCE.

Tries to Prove That Mrs. Douthitt Abandoned Him.

Shining Example of What a Home May Be.

The suit of James V. Douthitt for a divorce from Carrie Douthitt was commenced before Judge Hazen in the district court this morning.

James Douthitt is the son of the late William P. Douthitt. He was married in 1888. His suit for divorce is on the grounds of abandonment and cruelty. He was the principal witness in his own behalf and told what he believed was his cause for divorce. James Douthitt claims that Carrie Douthitt poisoned the well on the Douthitt property in South Topeka, and hinted that his wife had poisoned a horse that belonged to him. He claimed to have found a bottle of morphine in the well, and also claimed that his wife drugged some wine that he drank. James Douthitt claims that he went to live with his mother in the old homestead house on the Douthitt tract, and that his wife refused to go there and live with him. His wife's attorneys endeavored to draw from the witnesses the fact that the household made things so unpleasant that she could not live there. The court ordered the husband last winter to pay his wife \$3 a month alimony. He paid the alimony two months, and now says that he paid no more because he did not have the money. He claimed that his wife acted queerly.

"What was the matter with your wife?" asked Judge Garver on cross-examination.

"She acted crazy," was the reply.

"Did you call a physician?"

"Yes."

"What did he tell you?"

"He said if she wanted to kill herself to let her do it."

"Was that satisfactory to you?"

"It had to be."

"Wasn't she nervous and thin?"

"Yes."

"What caused it?"

"Drugs."

"How do you know?"

"Because she ran around and acted hysterical."

"Did she say anything about your mother?"

"Yes, she said she would have to keep away from her as she might kill my mother."

"Did your wife get the food a sick woman ought to have?" replied the witness.

"Corn beef and cabbage that would do for a working man would hardly do for a sick woman," replied Judge Garver.

"Well, she got all she wanted and if she wanted ice cream and that kind of stuff she could get it."

"Was anything said about your wife going to Texas for her health?"

"Yes."

"Did you say you would get her a ticket?"

"I said I would get her a ticket one way and when she wanted to come back that would be another thing."

"Did you say you would get her a return trip ticket?"

"I said let her have a good, long stay."

"Did she make any attempt to kill herself?"

"Yes, she was in a tantrum and told me I wouldn't see her any more. She said for me to bury her in the family lot and she went away."

"In February you were ordered by the court to pay your wife \$3 a month alimony and were restrained from disposing of your property?"

"Then why didn't you pay her alimony more than two months?"

"I didn't have the money."

"Didn't you get insurance on your older mill when it burned?"

"No."

"You got no insurance on it?"

"Didn't you have \$300 insurance on it?"

"No."

"You collected no insurance when it burned?"

"No."

"Did you not have it insured with Frank Thomas for \$300?"

"Yes."

"Didn't you collect \$300 from him on account of your loss?"

"Why did you say there was no insurance on it?"

"Because Mrs. Douthitt had been going around trying to find out about it."

"Why did you say you did not collect any insurance?"

"Because I wanted to see if you had been round trying to find out anything."

James Douthitt testified that he spent the money in settling his debts and in making a trip to Kansas City. He said he received no money when J. R. Mulvane secured the Douthitt property. He said he found the morphine bottle in the well May 22, 1900. He testified that in 1900 he drank some wine and was affected. He claimed that his wife had poisoned it.

"Are you in the habit of drinking wine?" asked Judge Garver.

"Yes; we always had wine, gin, alcohol and whisky in the house. I am not a prohibitionist."

"Did you and she stop going to the house to see his wife when he moved his barn away as after that there was no reason for him to go to the house. He testified that his wife used drugs and carried tobacco in her stocking and used it to cover up the odor of the drugs. He testified that his wife ran a grocery bill of \$4 a day."

Mrs. W. P. Douthitt, the mother of James, was called to the stand. She was asked about the family relations and testified that she always treated her daughter-in-law as she should be treated and that she knew that Mrs. James Douthitt received everything she should for her comfort. Judge Garver attempted to draw from her the fact that she and her family were not on the best of terms.

"Did you and your daughters have trouble and call each other names and you call them names?"

"What, me, me call them names," cried the witness half rising in her chair. "Why, sir, I consider that an insult."

"Was there not a good deal of swearing about the house?" asked Judge Garver.

"Sir, no sir, why I consider that an insult," again cried Mrs. Douthitt.

The attorney for Mrs. James Douthitt called several witnesses whose testimony was the reverse of the testimony of the husband.

A Miners' Strike at Lexington.

Lexington, Mo., Nov. 6.—All the miners of the J. C. McGraw Coal Mining company struck last night. The mines were run on the union scale. Yesterday the operator ordered 20 pounds deducted from each box of coal weighed. The check weighman refused to deduct it and the men quit work. There will be a meeting of the miners today, and they declare they will not accede to the operator's demands.

Says He's an American.

Barcelona, Nov. 6.—At the request of the German consul general here the police have taken into custody a man named Estermyer, who the consul general claims, is a notorious swindler and has long been wanted for numerous crimes in Germany. The prisoner is known here by the name of Billerbeck. He claims to be a citizen of the United States. Estermyer was manager of the Securities Guarantee Bank.

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TEN MILLIONS.

Capital Stock of Rock Island Is Increased.

Company Pays \$2,100 in Charter Fees.

FOR THE EXTENSIONS.

Money to Be Used in Building Branch Lines.

Topeka Officials Silent About Proposed Projects.

The capital stock of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railway company was Tuesday raised 10 millions of dollars, or from 50 millions to 60 millions.

The sum of \$2,100 in charter fees was turned over to the state treasurer to cover the expense of amending the charter to cover the increase in capitalization.

The Rock Island is incorporated under the laws of Illinois and Iowa, and the charter is on file in the office of the secretary of state of Kansas. The check for the amount of charter fees received by the state is signed by T. B. Dixey, assistant treasurer of the road at Topeka, and is countersigned by M. A. Low, general attorney of the company.

The increase in capitalization of the company sets in motion again a number of persistent rumors to the effect that the Rock Island is to build a number of miles in cut-offs and branches in Kansas.

M. A. Low is out of the city today. A reporter for the State Journal called at his office for confirmation of the rumors of additional railway construction in Kansas. At the office it was learned that Mr. Low is spending the day at his ranch at Horton.

It is believed the increased capitalization is to cover the expense of building the Iowa cut-off that shortens the Kansas City-Chicago line a distance of 30 miles, and to pay for the construction of a proposed line from Jansen, Neb., to Herington, Kas. This would be an almost direct north and south line, and would probably pass through Clay Center, Washington and Junction City. Such a line would be of advantage to the Rock Island. Jansen and Herington are points where trains are made up for the coming road. Passengers and freight coming over the northern Iowa route of the Rock Island via Omaha for the south and southwest, would be sent over the cut-off at Jansen to Herington, where trains would be made up for the southwest line to El Paso and the southern line to Fort Worth, the Chickasha and Indian Territory country and Galveston.

This route would require the construction of probably 120 miles of track, and could be constructed for possibly two millions of dollars.

Officials of the road in Topeka deny any knowledge of the use to be made of the money made accessible by the increase in capitalization.

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ALL ON ACCOUNT OF TOM.

[By M. L. Rayne.]

Among the 400 American teachers who went to Manila on the transport Thomas were two Chicago young women, sisters and teachers, Julia and Georgia.

The cousin Tom, who had been brought up in the same family, was in a measure, engaged to both.

Tom, the assessor, the ne'er-do-well, who had kept them all on the anxious bench, he collected some money, and took him by the scruff of the neck, shook him up and gave him such a taste of army discipline that the young man pulled himself together and made a very fair soldier, with occasional doses of guardhouse medicine.

It was after one of those riotous relapses that in a spirit of penitence Tom had written to his cousins suggesting that they come to Manila at the expense of the government and incidentally that he wanted a wife to keep him in order, advised of the letter to Georgia.

It was a memorable voyage for those two, who had never in their lives before been chosen from the many to make a voyage to the Philippines. They were surrounded by a remarkable company of teachers, who had been chosen from the many to make a voyage to the Philippines. They were surrounded by a remarkable company of teachers, who had been chosen from the many to make a voyage to the Philippines.

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